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<p style="text-align: center;">CIA 1200549 (26-c)</p> <p>This report augments our R-31-53, and provides information on SRI ID-34-537, concerning Brigadier General MAKATO ONODERA and the GERUM Company.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rec'd 6/15</i></p>			
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PRESENT ACTIVITIES OF BRIG. GEN. MAKATO ONODERA, FORMER JAPANESE NA TO SWEDEN

1. The following information concerning the GERUM Company and its founder, TORVALD GERUM, was provided this office by the American Consulate in Gothenburg:

Gerum & Company, Aktiebolag, Kaserntorget, Göteborg

Limited company, registered: 14/7/1930 (5.17 Swedish Kronor = \$1.00)

Share capital: Kr. 200,000:- in shares of Kr. 100:- each

Director: Torvald Oscar Evert Gerum, Göteborg

Deputy: Stig Anders Gerum, Göteborg

The firm is signed by Torvald Oscar Evert Gerum and Stig Anders Gerum, individually or by anyone of Erik Allan Hugo Evers and Half Ernst Olsson, both living in Gothenburg.

The company took over the yarn department of John Lyon & Co., A/B in Gothenburg and acts as agent in yarns, drapery and stockings. The firm works on a comparatively large scale.

Torvald Gerum was born in 1889 and is married. He was formerly about 20 years employed with John Lyon & Co., A/B. Gerum has an ordered financial standing. Among the assets may be mentioned a villa in Stenungsund valued at Kr. 25,000.

The share capital was originally Kr. 100,000, and was increased to 150,000 in 1951 and to the present amount in April 1952, the last time through new emission.

The company's financial position is ordered. We inclose a translation of the balance sheet at 31/12/1951.

The company have no abundance of liquid means, but complaints are not on record. A small credit is advised.

Gerum & Company, Aktiebolag, Gothenburg
31 December 1951

Inventory, Office and stock after write-off	73,086.47	Share capital	200,000.00
Shares	5,000.00	Reserve fund	21,000.00
Stock-in-trade	286,516.50	Short-termed debts:	
Sundry claims	247,294.62	Check account	408.41
Cash	2,852.08	Bills	224,183.06
Postal checks	11,987.42	Sundry debts	159,495.01
		Loan	15,000.00
		Taxes	5,256.00
		Profit balance	1,134.04
		Net profit 1951	160.57
Sw. Kr.		Sw. Kr.	
626,637.09		626,637.09	

2. The American Consul General in Gothenburg has informed this office that he has made inquiries through the Security Police, who assured him that the firm enjoys an excellent reputation and has no connection with any subversive activities.

COMMENT: Information contained in this report tends to confirm our previous comment to the effect that all indications are that Brig. General Onodera is engaged in a strictly legitimate business operation. There is nothing that this office has been able to uncover to indicate to the contrary. It is doubted that any additional information may be obtained. Therefore, the above-referenced SEI is considered fulfilled to the best capabilities of this office.

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